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Elba Rotarians hear tax package update from governor's legal advisor

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba native Troy King was guest speaker at the Elba Rotary Club on Tuesday of this week. King is presently serving as legal advisor to Alabama Governor Bob Riley.

Program Chairman of the week Paul Morrow had asked that local

Rotarians be updated on the governor's tax package and upcoming constitutional amendment election in Alabama.

King briefed the Rotarians on many of the major problems the state government is dealing with, a number of cost cutting/confidence building measures taken by Governor

Riley in the past eight months, and cited a number of critical financial shortfalls in the state of Alabama financial picture.

According to King, the governor has installed cost cutting measures sufficient to save the taxpayers of Alabama \$230 million a year. However that is not enough to overcome an annual

cash need of over \$600 million needed to keep the state on "level funding."

Citing shortages in funding for education, prisons, state troopers, Medicaid, and several other major areas, King stressed that the tax and accountability package are critical to the survival and future growth of the state's thriving economy.

He reminded his audience of Governor's Riley's executive order that would cause any employee of the executive branch to be automatically fired if they assisted in "pass through work" projects. These are incidents where a legislator gets a cash appropriation into legislation for a particular government agency with a verbal understanding that when the money arrives, it is to be used and/or transferred to one of the lawmaker's pet projects.

There were twenty bills in the package of legislation recently passed by Alabama lawmakers in a recent special legislative session, King said. Ten of these are tax bills and ten are accountability bills. He added that Governor Riley has said repeatedly that he wouldn't recommend the tax increases unless he could promise taxpayers more accountability. King noted this additional accountability is directly tied in with the proposed tax increases and one will not become law unless the entire package is approved by the voters in September of this year.



TROY KING, Legal Advisor to Alabama Governor Bob Riley, addressed the Elba Rotary Club at noon Tuesday, July 8th. He spoke on the state's financial needs and the positive merits of the pending tax/accountability bill in Alabama.

An Elba native, King expressed comfort as he addressed a group of people he had personally know most of his life.

Elba's birthday bash set for Saturday evening

If a picnic with the family sounds like a good idea, the historic courthouse square in Elba will be the place to be Saturday evening, July 12, as the "Celebrate Elba 150" committee hosts a birthday bash beginning at 6 p.m.

With the event only a couple of days away, committee members have revamped the night's schedule in hopes of providing memorable entertainment for all who attend.

Cooking will certainly be out that evening as the Elba Band Boosters and Friends of the Library will be selling plenty to eat, and these treats will be exactly what a cookout calls for with burgers, watermelon slices, boiled peanuts and much more.

Also for the entire family, Elba's own Dr. Sam Faulk will be in town to spin music throughout the evening. He currently serves as a disc jockey for a radio station in Montgomery.

There will be special activities for the youngsters as "Jana the Clown" will be in town to entertain with the Moon Walk, a train and other kiddie rides. This talented clown will also be able to satisfy that sweet tooth with her snow cones and cotton candy.

And, word has it that funnel cakes will also be on the square. Finally, no birthday bash would be complete without an explosive ending; therefore, the "Celebrate Elba 150" committee hopes everyone will stick around to enjoy a huge fireworks display beginning at 9:30 p.m. This is

promised to be the biggest fireworks show Elba has ever produced, and committee members said no one will want to miss this great exhibition.

So, bring those lawn chairs or blankets because it's going to be a huge party, and everyone is invited to come on out for all the

fun and festivities. Professional photographs will also be offered throughout the evening.

There is no admission charge to attend this event; however, food and some entertainment will include charges.

Elba teenager seriously injured during weekend car accident

Fund established to assist family

An Elba teenager sustained serious injuries Sunday morning, July 6, from a car accident occurring within Coffee County.

Jeremiah Prettyman, son of Gregg and Janice Prettyman of Elba, was traveling on Alabama Highway 87 just south of the Alabama Highway 134 intersection when he fell victim to the one-vehicle accident.

According to reports from the Alabama State Troopers office, the accident occurred at approximately 7:20 a.m. Sunday morning, and Prettyman was driving a 1996 Ford Mustang at the time of the incident.

He sustained extensive injuries from the accident and currently is receiving treatment at a Dothan hospital where his condition remains very serious.

In an attempt to assist this local family, the Elba community

has responded by establishing a fund at The Peoples Bank for friends and neighbors to make monetary donations. Anyone wanting to show support for the Prettyman family during their time of need can do so by simply requesting to make a deposit into The Jeremiah Prettyman Fund.

Jeremiah is a student at Elba High School and will be a senior during the 2003-04 school year.

Jeremiah Prettyman

During Elba Lions Club meeting Members hear TSU football program expansion update

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Elba Lions Club got a little more in touch with the goings on at Troy State University Tuesday, June 24, during the club's regular meeting.

Roger Schultz, director of corporate sales for Troy State University, attended the meeting and served as the guest speaker for the evening.

During his remarks, Schultz updated members on the changes taking place with the university's football program, and said he feels these improvements will have a positive economic impact for the area.

He said great leadership and the vision of Dr. Jack Hawkins, chancellor, have allowed the university to proceed with these changes, and people across the nation are starting to recognize Troy State University.

"We feel like we're your college team," Schultz said.

Among the many changes taking place, he said the football stadium has been expanded from a 17,000 seat facility to a 30,000 seat facility. Also, the university has recently completed a deal where it sold the stadium name rights.

With this deal, Schultz said Troy State becomes only one of four universities with a corporate name attached to its football stadium. Movie Gallery Stadium.

Another major deal Schultz touched on included a new broadcast contract. He said only two schools within the nation have a direct contract with a network. Other schools have

contracts through their conferences. Notre Dame has a contract with NBC and Troy State now has a contract with ESPN, and Schultz said the network will broadcast two games within the next three years from Troy State University.

"One game will definitely be the Missouri game in 2004," he said.

Schultz also showed the club members an example of the new field turf being utilized by Troy State.

He said the players have played on this particular type of turf at Nebraska and loved it.

One major advantage discovered by schools already using this type turf has been a reduction in serious knee injuries.

Schultz also said Troy State is excited about the new turf because football, band and other practices can be held on it.

Before concluding, Schultz briefly discussed the new sky box at the stadium in which he said it will be a great place for people to mingle and meet.

Also, he said Troy State will introduce its new Stadium Club which will put fans on the 50-yard line. He said this will be an option no other school offers and a really great advantage to this is that it allows fans access into a lounge bar for food, drinks, etc.

All in all, Schultz said there are a lot of great things going on at Troy State University and it's exciting to be a part of something that is growing.



Roger Schultz, left, recently updated Elba Lions Club members on improvements taking place with the university's football program. Also pictured is Elba Lion Club member Brian McLeod.

Take safety precautions with hot water heaters

by Linda Hodge, Editor

It is important to practice any and all safety precautions to avoid a fire at home or in the office; however, sometimes owners of gas hot water heaters forget about the dangers of this particular appliance.

According to Elba Fire Chief Larry Goodson, hot water heaters are usually kept in a storage area where other varying items are also stored out of the way.

He said it is particularly important to be sure and keep flammable items away from hot water heaters because the appliance generates a certain amount of heat, and with a burning pilot light, gas hot water heaters are even more dangerous than electric ones.

Goodson said a good practice for avoiding a hot water heater fire would be to have the appliance serviced occasionally. If it is serviced regularly, he said the burners and pilot lights will be kept clean which reduces the chances of a problem.

Danny Bryan, an employee with Propane Gas and Appliance Company, Inc. agreed it is a good idea to keep an eye on hot water heaters and be sure foreign objects are not placed too closely, especially flammable ones.

Bryan said he is not

aware of a suggested amount of time for servicing a hot water heater, but if one has not been serviced in a long while, he said it would not be a bad idea to have it serviced.

Although a service call will cost the owner a certain fee, he said the service person can make sure the heater is venting properly which might prevent a fire in the future.

Fortunately, Goodson said the Elba area has not had a significant amount of hot water heater fires, but he said it is a good idea to have a plan prepared just in case.

Of course he said the first thing to do is to call the fire department. He also said with gas burning appliances it is good to know where the gas cut-off valve is located. Therefore, if a fire occurs, someone can, if it is in a convenient location away from the flames, turn off the valve and keep the fire from getting worse.

Regardless, however, he said it is imperative to call the fire department.

"Minutes are critical," Goodson said. "We would rather come and not be needed than have someone wait 10 minutes to make a decision and it be too late with someone's life in danger."

Both Goodson and Bryan said the best steps to take in preventing a hot water heater fire are to keep a check on it periodically, keep the burners and pilot lights clean, make sure flammable materials are stored away from the heater and make sure the all covers are closed to keep pilot lights from being exposed.

Avoid placing flammable objects in front of gas hot water heaters.

Bryan said he is not

Area Happenings

THE COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, July 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex at New Brackton.

THE NEW BRACKTON TOWN COUNCIL will hold its monthly meeting Monday, July 14, 7 p.m., at the New Brackton Town Hall. The New Brackton Water Board will meet prior to the council at 5:30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will be held Friday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the extension office complex at New Brackton.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ORATION will be held Thursday, July 24, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up tickets from the school office and establish meal accounts. They will have a brief time of the school.

NOTICE

Any person who is responsible for the day school during the May 20th at the Elba Boardman Center is asked to call the Elba Police Department at 897-3130. Please have a name and telephone number and a copy of the Elba Boardman Center's notice.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Newsweek magazine recently published an article speculating on how the world will look in 300 years. It is an interesting story even though no one today can possibly prove or disprove the details of the story. A couple of points in the article are worth noting. There will be fewer people in the world, as birth rates continue to fall. Those here will live much longer lives due to medical science discoveries and cleaner living. Surprisingly the prediction is there will be less religious diversity in the world. None of the other guesses surprise us, but our prediction would have been for more and more splinter religious groups and ideals, not more unity.

Another round in Elba's celebration of 150 years in existence will take place Saturday evening. The birthday bash will be "around the square" in downtown Elba. There will be hotdogs and burgers and cold "soda waters" available. There will be games for the youngsters and Elba native "Dr Sam" will be spinning the platters. The event will climax with what is promised to be a spectacular fireworks display shortly after dark. We'll see you there!

We attended a family reunion last Saturday. It is one of those old, old traditions on my dad's side of the family. Anyway, during one of the required reminiscing sessions with a cousin . . . about a second cousin . . . some interesting facts were revealed. This man is a WWII combat veteran, long ago retired from the a fancy federal job, and will be 78 years old this month. During the week he runs five to seven miles a day and on Saturday kicks it up to ten miles! He had already done his ten miles by noon Saturday and was talking a mile a minute, just like nothing had happened. Oh, in addition to that, twice weekly he drives into downtown Atlanta and lifts weights at the gym! We don't know exactly how fast he runs, and it doesn't matter. At 78 years of age, many people would give their eye teeth (or false teeth) to even walk that far in a day . . . and to do it every day . . . gosh! His idea is not to become a muscle man, but just retain what he has as long as possible. Oh, in case you have a picture of an overall wearing southern redneck, as a master piano player Jack claims to have played every piano in France as the U.S. troops marched toward Berlin. His French born wife backs him up on that matter. He had some surgery a couple of years ago on a little finger which was getting a permanent bend in it . . . not unusual with aging. We asked him at the time "Why?" and of course the answer was that it was becoming to interfere with his daily piano playing. Oh me!



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Elba Elementary School releases supply list for 2003-04 school year

Kindergarten:

White ELMER'S School Glue
(no other brands, no gels, no
glue sticks)
CRAYOLA Crayons - 8 count
(NO other brand)

Pencils (Jumbo or Regular)
Scissors (FISKAR Brand Only)
KINDER MAT (red/blue tri-
fold)

Folder with three prongs
Plastic folder with prongs
100 Sheet Spiral Notebook
3 Rolls of Paper Towels each
Nine Weeks

\$10 for a Kindergarten T-shirt
Blaze
Zip lock Snack Size Bags
Band-Aids

Girls
Zip lock Gallon Size Bags
Dial Pump Antibacterial Soap

Please send one complete
change of clothes (shirt, pants,
and underwear) in a gallon size
bag in case your child has an
accident. These clothes will stay
in your child's book bag in case
they are needed. Please put your
child's name on both sides, top
and bottom of their name. Also
put their names on all of their
supplies: glue, scissors, pencils,
jackets, and on each separate
crayon.

First Grade:
\$3.00 for Writing and

Construction Paper (Do not
send paper)
\$1.00 for plastic folder
Elmer's Glue (1)

Clear Zipper Supply Pouch (No
Supply Boxes)
Fiskar Scissors (Blunt)
Back Pack (Not Rolling)

Number Two Pencils (1 Pack)
Facial Tissue (2 Box)
Dial Pump Antibacterial Soap

Crayons - 12 or 16 Count (2
boxes)
Pocket Folders - Plastic (1)
Boys Only - Gallon Zip lock
Bags

Girls Only - Quart Zip lock
Bags
Dry-Erase Marks Medium Tip
(1 Pack)

Paper Towels (3)
Second Grade:
Crayola Crayon - 24 count

Fiskar Scissors
Pencils (10 count)
Large Glue Stick (2)

Large Bottle ELMER'S School
Glue
Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper (3)

1 Subject Composition Books
(wire bound)
3-Prong Folders (4)

Large Pack Construction Paper
Zippered Pencil Pouch (1)
Cap Erasers (1 Pack)

Paper Towels (4)
Kleenex (1)

Dial Pump Antibacterial Soap
Paper Towels (3)
Kleenex (2)

Construction Paper
Colored Pencils or Crayons
Glue Stick

Supply Pouch that Fits in Binder
Zip Lock Bags (gallon or quart)
Dial Pump Antibacterial Soap

(2)
Pocket Folders with Brads (4)
One-Subject Spiral Notebook
(no more than 100 pages) (1)

Scissors
Mesh Book Bag
Sixth Grade:

Mesh Book Bags Only (No Pull
Cart Bookbags)
No Composition Books
\$15.00 Scholastic News/
Current Science

\$1.00 for Plastic Folder
One-Subject Spiral Notebook
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Program

Large 3-Ring Notebook (3 in. or
more thick, zipper type pre-
ferred)

Notebook Paper
Divider Sheets with Tabs (8
sheets needed)

Supply Pouch
Pencil Sharpener with Lid
Scissors

Colored Pencils
Zip Lock Bags - Quart (Boys
Only)

Paper Towels (3) (Boys Only)
Garbage Bags - Tall Trash Bags
(Boys Only)

Antibacterial Pump Soap (Girls
Only)

Kleenex (2) (Girls Only)
Glue (Girls Only)

Field trip money will be due the
1st of each month starting in
September - March (\$20.00 in
cash will be due each month to
pay for expenses). No exceptions.

No exceptions - This trip is paid by the
students and expenses have to
be paid each month.

Mrs. Parmer:
Crayons
Scissors
Glue
Construction Paper

Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
Pencils
1 Inch Binder (2)
1-Subject Notebook (1)

Paper Towels (3)
Dial Pump Antibacterial Soap
(2)
Kleenex (2)

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department,
beginning Monday, June 30,
2003, investigated the following
incidents: five for breaking and
entering of a motor vehicle, six
for theft of property, two for bur-
glary, three for harassment, two
for disorderly conduct, one child
welfare, one dog taken from the
animal shelter, one damage to
property, one domestic violence,
one vehicle search, one over-
dose, two for domestic dispute,
one criminal trespassing, two for
criminal mischief, one dog bark-
ing, one harassing communica-
tions, one possession of mariju-
ana, one possession of drug para-
phernalia and one public intoxica-
tion.

The following arrests were
made: two for unlawful breaking
and entering of a motor vehicle,
one for burglary, one for disor-
derly conduct, one for possession
of a controlled substance, one for
possession of marijuana, one for
possession of drug paraphernalia
and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during
the week were as follows: one for
a switched tag, five for driving
with a suspended driver's
license, twelve for no proof of
insurance, one for no proof of
ownership, one for improper
passing, one for running a stop
sign, two for no child restraint,
two for driving with an expired
driver's license, one for driving
on the wrong side of the road,
three for violation of the seat belt

law and one headlight out.

Daily activity highlights for
the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JUNE 30 - Breaking
and entering of a vehicle report-
ed at 332 Brunson St. (5:09
a.m.); River stage - 7.03 feet
(6:04 a.m.); River stage - 7.20
feet (5:43 p.m.); Elba Fire
Department dispatched to 768
Pinecrest Dr. (7:18 p.m.);

Burglary reported at 342 Dr.
Roberts Drive (8:53 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 1 - River
stage - 8.36 feet (6:15 a.m.);
River stage - 9.36 feet (9:01
a.m.); River stage - 11.34 feet
(11:04 a.m.); Coffee County
EMS dispatched to 1254 Martin
Luther King Dr. (1:32 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 - River
stage - 15.56 feet (5:57 a.m.);
River stage - 9.36 feet (9:01
a.m.); River stage - 11.34 feet
(11:04 a.m.); Coffee County
EMS dispatched to 1254 Martin
Luther King Dr. (1:32 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 3 - Alarm
activated at 1130 Deal St. (3:10
a.m.); River stage - 14.40 feet
(6:22 a.m.); Wreck reported in
front of the Elba MarketPlace
(11:53 a.m.); Wreck reported at
the Texaco by Cook Chevrolet
(9:14 p.m.); Fight in progress
reported at 1710 Jones St. (10:40
p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 4 - River stage -
12.77 feet (6:21 a.m.); Coffee
County EMS dispatched to 816
Putnam St. (2:27 p.m.); Two-
vehicle wreck reported on Hwy.
84 E. (5:11 p.m.); Coffee County
EMS dispatched to the wreck on
Hwy. 84 E. (5:12 p.m.); Fight in
progress reported at Burch's
Trailer Court, Lot 12 (7:17 p.m.);
Prowler reported at 722 N.
Claxton Ave. (9:17 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 5 - Distur-
bance (fireworks) reported at
Powell Trailer Park (2:36
a.m.); Domestic disturbance
reported at 718 Putnam St. (3:10
a.m.); River stage - 14.67 feet
(6:16 a.m.); Possible fight in
progress reported on Martin
Luther King Dr. (10:15 p.m.);
Possible breaking and entering
reported at 846 Troy Hwy. (11:37
p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 6 - River stage -
13.90 feet (6:16 a.m.); Coffee
County EMS dispatched to a
wreck on Hwy. 87 S. (7:21 a.m.);
Wreck reported off roadway
(10:50 p.m.); Elba Fire
Department dispatched to the
wreck reported off roadway
(10:53 p.m.).

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Elba High School announces
back-to-school procedures

Elba High School students can pick up class schedules, purchase parking permits and rent lockers for the coming school year July 28-30. The office will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.

The order of pick up will be:
Monday, July 28 - Seniors;
Tuesday, July 29 - Juniors and
Sophomores; and Wednesday,
July 30 - Freshmen and 8th
Grade.

7th Grade orientation will be
Thursday, July 31, at 6 p.m., in
the high school auditorium.
Students and parents are encour-
aged to attend. Students will
pick up schedules, rent lockers
and establish meal accounts.
They will also have a brief tour
of the school.

Lockers and parking permits
are \$5 for the 2003-04 school
year. Paid meals are 50 cents for
breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch w/
ticket or paid in the lunchroom.
Reduced prices meals are 30
cents for breakfast and 40 cents
for lunch w/ ticket only.

Students are reminded that all
book bags must be totally trans-
parent or made of a mesh mate-
rial that is 1/2 inch open mesh or
larger. Students are also remind-
ed of the dress code as outlined
in the student handbook.
Students who drive must regis-
ter their vehicle in the school
office.

The first day of school for stu-
dents will be Tuesday, Aug. 5,
(1/2 day). The students will
meet in the auditorium at 7:45
a.m. for a brief assembly pro-
gram followed by an abbreviat-
ed class schedule. School will
dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

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one. A special thanks to the
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LESSIE HARDY
TRAMMELL

Mrs. Lessie Hardy Trammell,
age 94, of 986 Morrow Avenue,
Elba, Ala., died July 1, 2003 at
her granddaughter's residence
in Elba.

Funeral services were held
July 3, 2003 from the Chapel of
Hayes Funeral Home in Elba
with Rev. Raymond Elliott offici-
ating. Burial followed in Evergreen
Cemetery with Hayes
Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Trammell was preceded
in death by her two husbands,
Henry Coston Hardy and Paul
A. Trammell, as well as two
sons, Henry Collis Hardy and
Edward C. Hardy, and a brother,
Palmer Qualls.

Survivors include one son,
Bennie Hardy, Waynesville, Mo.;
special granddaughter,
Mary Owens Flowers, Elba, 13
grandchildren, 22 great-grand-
children and 13 great great-
grandchildren.

Mrs. Kite was preceded in
death by her husband, James
Brady Kite.

Survivors include her son,
Donnie L. Kite Sr., Opelika;
four daughters: Wonda Kite
Bright, Opelika, Georgette Kite
(Harvey Jr.) Stewart, Phenix
City, Charlotte Kite (Wayne)
Yarbrough, Opelika, and
Cynthia Kite (Scott) Kay,
Salem; 12 grandchildren and six
great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held
July 4, 2003 at The Toccoa
Pentecostal Holiness Church
with Rev. Don Scott, Rev. Bill

Robinson, both of Atmore.

Survivors include his wife,
Ida Mae Laster, age 72,
died June 24, 2003.

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Obituaries

LESSIE HARDY
TRAMMELL

Mrs. Lessie Hardy Trammell,
age 94, of 986 Morrow Avenue,
Elba, Ala., died July 1, 2003 at
her granddaughter's residence
in Elba.

Funeral services were held
July 3, 2003 from the Chapel of
Hayes Funeral Home in Elba
with Rev. Raymond Elliott offici-
ating. Burial followed in Evergreen
Cemetery with Hayes
Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Trammell was preceded
in death by her two husbands,
Henry Coston Hardy and Paul
A. Trammell, as well as two
sons, Henry Collis Hardy and
Edward C. Hardy, and a brother,
Palmer Qualls.

Survivors include one son,
Bennie Hardy

LIFESTYLES



Back row: Jennifer Cole, Sallie Kruse, Steve, Deloris Vaughan, Kelli Nichols. Front row: Erica Ruede, John Granger, Jr., Chris Thomas

Seven college students are serving as summer missionaries in Coffee County area

Seven college students are serving as summer missionaries in Coffee County. These students are appointed by the North American Mission Board or by the Alabama Baptist State Convention. They give 10 weeks to help churches, associations, and communities with ministry oriented projects. Just giving their time is a notable commitment on the part of college students. Some of the jobs include: working with the Vineyard Retreat Center's staff, leading Back Yard Bible Clubs, helping with an associational mission trip to Mobile and Washington counties. Their responsibilities span the gamut from washing dishes and cleaning floors to leading worship.

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Compton-Rock wedding ceremony held May 31 in Montgomery

Miss Carli Syree Rock of Montgomery and Mr. Alan Drew Compton of Brantley were united in marriage on May 31, 2003, in Montgomery, Ala. Ministers Jeff Grimes and Tray Darden officiated at the three o'clock ceremony at Dalrada Church of Christ. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Rock of Montgomery, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Compton of Brantley. Grandparents are Mr. Richard Solomon and the late Mrs. Carol Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rock and the late Mrs. Carol Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Augusta Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. George Compton.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was radiant in a formal gown of mikado satin. The two-piece candlelight gown featured a scoop neckline with crystal beaded straps and a princess line bodice enhanced with crystal and pearl beading. The back was highlighted by a lace-up bodice and a semi-cathedral train. Her veil, an illusion of candlelight tulle, complemented the gown as it flowed the entire length of the princess line skirt and train. The bride's bouquet was a cascade of cream virginia roses, fern, trailing ivy, and streamers of white satin ribbon. Indescent crystal earrings and necklace completed her ensemble.

Miss Ashley Miles attended the bride as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Amber Compton, sister of the groom, Miss Tiffany Bonner, Miss Lindsey Collier, Miss Ashley Seng, Miss Emily Sexton, Miss Whitney Skipper, and Miss Kiera Todd. They wore elegant full length gowns of indescent coral. Each attendant wore a column skirt and a bodice style of their own choosing. They wore crystal earrings and necklaces, a gift from the bride. They carried bouquets of peach and cream virginia roses, daisies and carnations in spring colors, trailing ivy, and flowing coral satin ribbons.

Miss Kristen Carver and Miss Anna Carver, cousins of the groom, served as flower maidens. They wore tea length dresses of white and silk organza and carried matching satin drawing bags containing coral, pink, and yellow rose petals which they scattered as they descended the aisle. They also wore crystal earrings and necklaces, gifts from the bride.

Mr. Ricky Compton, father of the groom, served his son as best man. Groomsmen were Mr. John-David Rock, brother of the bride, Mr. Miller Rock, brother of the bride, Mr. Clay Butler, Mr. Brian D'Herde, Mr. Brandon McCaghen, Mr. Nathan Nichols, and Mr. Zach Oden. The groom wore a traditional black Jean Yves three-button tuxedo with a silver vest. His boutonniere featured a cream virginia rose. He carried in his jacket pocket an engraved New Testament which had been part of his parent's wedding. The groomsmen were matching one-button black tuxedos, also with silver vests. Their boutonniere were of peach virginia roses with variegated ivy.

Special music selections were presented by Mrs. Meg Burkhardt, cousin of the bride, who sang "Grow Old Along with Me," and Miss Whitney Miles and Mr. Jason Isbell who sang "God Bless the Broken Road" as the couple lit the unity candle. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Rock chose a tea length dress of seafair green, accented with a crystal necklace and earrings. The mother of the groom wore a tea length sand beige dress and family heirloom ruby lavalliere. As guests entered the church foyer, they were registered by Miss Marcel Solomon and Miss Lindsey Solomon, cousins of the bride. The pews down the center aisle were marked with white tulle, coral ribbons, daisies, and peach pixie roses. Other decorations included spiral candelabra trees, an arrangement of hurricane lamps, and



Mr. & Mrs. Alan Compton

large arrangements of roses, daisies, and various spring flowers.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Cindy Dukes, coordinated by Mrs. Linda Rigby, and photographed by Mr. Russ Baxley.

Reception

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Alan Compton was held in the annex building of the church. The four-tiered butter cream wedding cake was topped with coral ribbons which cascaded the length of it. Other tiers featured a traditional bride and groom, a flowing fountain, and fresh flowers. The smooth white icing was embellished with tiny off-white beads. Beside the table stood an easel holding a hand-tinted portrait of the bride done by her aunt, Mrs. Gena Hill. The groom's cake was a double-chocolate, three tiered cake with each layer topped with hand-dipped strawberries. The pale chocolate frosting was emphasized by dark chocolate spilling over the edges of each tier. Guests enjoyed a buffet that included chicken skewers, meatballs, ham and roast beef sandwiches, nuts, fruit, vegetables, a variety of dips, cupcakes, and lemonade. Guests served themselves punch from a flowing fountain. Serving at the various tables were Chelsea Bradford, April Barnes, Miranda Buffington, Wendy Bryson, and April Hughes. A special table held pictures of the bride and groom through their growing-up years and featured a video presentation of the couple.

Following a wedding trip to London and Paris, the couple resides in Montgomery.

Parties and Showers

Rehearsal Supper

On the evening before the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner for the wedding party, friends, and family at Copeland's Restaurant in Montgomery. During this time the guests were treated to a video featuring the lives of the bride and groom. Mrs. Susan Carver, aunt of the groom, sang "Household of Faith" and "Only God Could Love You More." Decorations and desserts were provided by Mrs. Dorothy Cook and Mrs. Inez Compton, grandmothers of the groom, and Mrs. Pam Ganous, aunt of the groom. Guests ordered from a menu of Cajun-style entrees.

Bridesmaids Brunch

Miss Carli Rock and her wedding attendants were honored at a brunch on Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Pike Road, Alabama. Hostesses were Mrs. Paris Faulkner, Mrs. Ruth Ellen Solomon, Mrs. Gena Hill, and Mrs. Tammy Solomon, aunts of the bride. The bride-elect presented her attendants with gifts

of custom-made crystal necklaces and earrings. Following the meal, the attendants enjoyed making the rice bags for the wedding.

Miscellaneous Showers

On April 6, 2003, Miss Carli Rock, bride-elect of Mr. Alan Compton, was honored with a bridal shower at the Landmark Church of Christ. Rev. William Martin Gray Jr. officiated.

Amanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Right Morgan III of Montgomery. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Price Wright and the late Mrs. Betty Joyner Wright of Birmingham, and Mrs. Samuel Right Morgan and the late Mr. Samuel Right Morgan of Opelika.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jerry Roberson of Elba, Ala. He is the grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Nelson Moseley and the late Mr. Arvie Alley Moseley of Fairhope; and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kyle Roberson and the late Mrs. Erma Gene Roberson of Brundage.

Music was provided by pianist Liz Donaldson, flautist Ashley Gilbert, trumpeter Dennis Herrick and violinist Jason Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Trey Holladay sang "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit" and "Eternal Life." Ward Chessner designed the floral arrangements for the church and reception. Joan Brown was the wedding coordinator.

Amanda was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of ivory duchess satin accented with silk, Venice lace and pearls. Pearls encased in lace pods garnished the fullness of the skirt, which was bordered with a wide band of lace generously sprinkled with pearls. The gown carried a chapel train. Her full-length veil was made from silk illusion. Ward created Amanda a bouquet of white peonies and freesia. The bridesmaids wore dresses with periwinkle tops and plaid skirts and carried bouquets of virginia roses and orchids. Amanda's sisters Mrs. Lela Morgan Snead and Mrs. Anna Morgan McKee served as matrons of honor. The bridesmaids were Leslie Burr, of Charleston, South Carolina, Casey Colley, Tipi Colley, Melissa Hidy, Emily Scarpulla (all of Birmingham), Casey Morrow of Jasper, and Julie Roberson of Elba.

John's father served as best man. Serving as groomsmen were Kyle Armstrong of Nashville, Radley Detamore of Atlanta, Ga., John King of Nashville, John Hentschel of Auburn, Ron Powers of Griffin, Ga., Alan Roberson of Greenville, Tenn., Robert Robertson of Auburn and Griffin Shirley of Birmingham.

Arrangements of blue and white hybrid delphiniums, blue bird roses, orchids, and Casablanca lilies decorated the sanctuary.

The wedding party rode the trolley to the reception at the RSA Plaza where guests were entertained by the R&B sounds of Crystal Clear from

LIFESTYLES

NEW ARRIVAL

EMMA FLEMING GRIESHOP

Trigg and Calista Grieshop of Cartersville, Ga. announce the birth of Emma Fleming Grieshop. She was born March 26, 2003 at Cartersville Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Martha Fleming of Brundidge and paternal grandparents are Gary Trigg Grieshop of Montgomery and the late Donna Grieshop.

100th Horn Reunion planned for July 20th

The 100th Annual Horn Reunion will be held Sunday, July 20 at the historic Horn Shelter, located in Glenwood, seven miles Southeast of Luverne in Crenshaw County. For more information or directions call Ray Horn at (334) 284-0243, Becky Horn Rogers at (334) 335-5341, or Mary Frances Garner at (334) 857-2990.

Miss Perry and Mr. Whitworth to be united in marriage on Saturday, September 27

Mr. Roy Perry of Rehoboth, Alabama and Ms. Myrtice Corner of Dayton, Ohio announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Perry to Jamie Whitworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Whitworth of Elba, Alabama.

Grandparents of the bride to be are Irene Radney of Dothan and the late Harvey Perry of Dothan, and Jeannette Blount and the late Edward Blount of Dothan.

Grandparents of the groom to be are Mrs. Ruth Mack and the late Uma Mack of Elba and Mrs. Jean Whitworth and the late Fred Whitworth of Jasper.

The wedding will be an event of September 27th, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of the groom's parents, 1660 Highland Drive, Elba, AL. A reception will follow at the Elba Country Club.

How to use your Personal Computer Course offered at MacArthur State

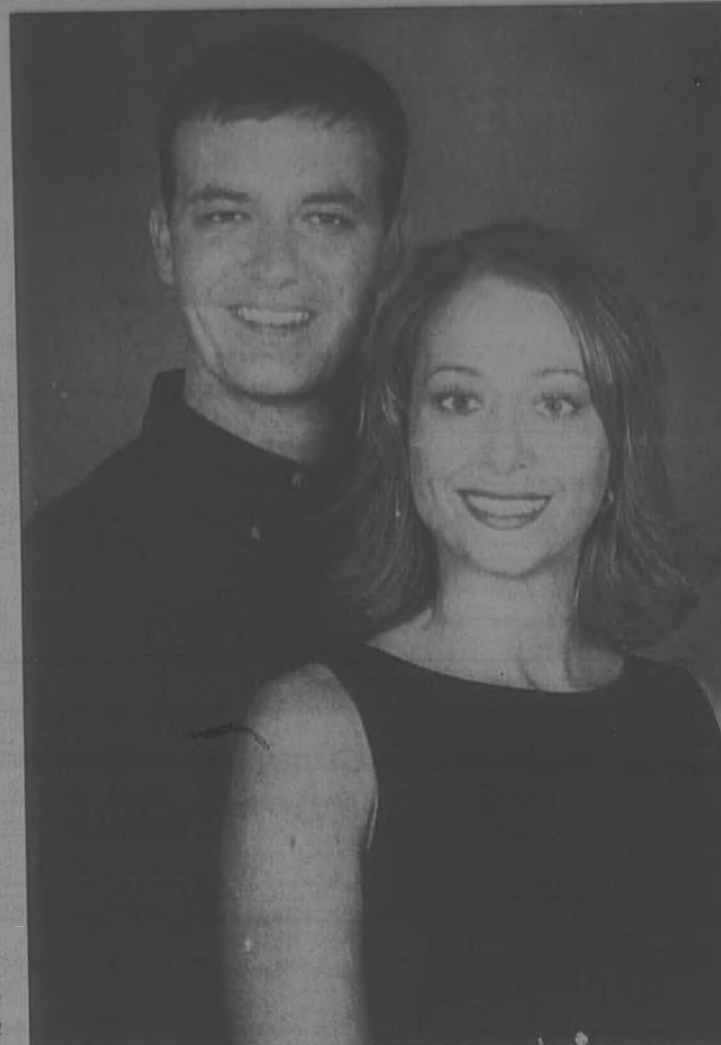
MacArthur State Technical College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for six weeks. The class will begin on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 and end on Thursday, July 17, 2003.

How to Use Your Personal Computer is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-on course will cover Windows 98/XP, Microsoft Word 2000, and e-mail. The Windows 98/XP portion of the course will include: getting started with Windows 98/XP; working with programs, files, and folders; and maintaining your data. Microsoft Word 2000 training will include: getting started with Word 2000; editing and proofing documents; formatting a document; working with tables; formatting pages; adding graphics; and working with graphics. The e-mail portion of the training will include: sending an attachment with an e-mail message, saving an attachment as a file, and setting up an address book.

The cost of the course is \$85.00 per participant. Participants will be charged an additional fee for their textbook. Anyone interested in this course must register before Tuesday, June 10, 2003. For more information or to register please contact Susan Dee at (334) 493-3573, ext. 260.

Misty will be an eighth grader at Orange Park Junior High School this fall. She is co-captain of the school's cheerleading team, as well as a member of the North Florida All Star Cheerleaders. When she is not cheering, she is surfing at Crescent Beach on the Atlantic Ocean.

Grandparents are Lucile Sexton and Edna Smart, both of Elba.



Mr. Jamie Whitworth & Miss Misty Perry

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William Ryan Holderfield

Dedication held for William Ryan Holderfield

On June 15, 2003 Memphis Baptist Church held its annual Father's Day Dedication and Pastor Ernest O'Neal conducted the ceremony. Parents Darrell and Cheri Holderfield of Dothan, Ala. publicly vowed to rear their son, William Ryan Holderfield in a Christian environment. Will is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Holderfield and Elizabeth "Dell" Crocker, all of Elba. He was born September 30, 2002 at Southeast Medical Center in Dothan and is presently nine months old.

The wedding party rode the trolley to the reception at the RSA Plaza where guests were entertained by the R&B sounds of Crystal Clear from

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Elba Full Gospel Church to hold revival July 10-12

Elba Full Gospel Church will hold a revival July 10-12th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Rev. David McCarmick of Opp.

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church to celebrate Homecoming

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will hold Homecoming on July 13, 2003. Service will begin at 11:00. Rev. Douglas Golden will bring the message. A special singing with Derek Snellgrove, and dinner will follow the service. Revival will begin on Monday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Mack King and St. John Choir in charge of service. Tuesday, July 15 Bro. Donnie Marler and Victoria Baptist Church will be in charge of service. Wednesday, July 16 Bro. Ben McKee and New Brockton Methodist will be in charge of service.

Mt. Zion to hold revival services

A revival will be held every Monday night in July at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion. The speakers will be Galen McWaters, Randy Halcomb, Mark Ward and Billy Miles. A special singing will be held each night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Liberty Church of Christ plans Vacation Bible School for July 14-18

Liberty Church of Christ will hold Vacation Bible School July 14-18, 2003 from 6:00 - 8:15. Ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to attend. The theme will be "Mission: All Things Are Possible."

Supper will be served nightly. Liberty Church of Christ is located 6 miles from Elba on the Samson Highway. For more info, call Dana Mack at 898-2982

Homecoming to be held at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala. will hold Homecoming July 13, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. and Revival Services July 14 - 18, 2003 at 7:15 p.m. nightly.

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Scripture: Mark 6:1-29

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Lizzie Tyson, Marie Tillis, Ruth Belcher, Johnnie R. Belcher, The Robinson Family, The Snell Family, The Long Family, Alan Belcher, Annie Bell - Flournoy, Christine Willingham, Randy Daniels, O.B. Daniels and Homer C. Coleman. ***July Birthdays: Joyce B. Johnson - July 7, Evelyn Manning - July 8, Malik Kelley - July 9, Lydia Kelley - July 10, Kenya Ann Martin - July 10, Connie Moody - July 13, Curtis Kelley - July 13, Christina Kelley - July 17, Brandy Kelley

July 17, Tevin Kelley - July 17, Jeremy Lane - July 20, Kathy Johnson - July 26 and Myron Duncan - July 28. ***Gospel Appreciation Program honoring Bro. David Woody will be held August 2, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. Ozark, Ala. John's Chapel A.M.E., Geneva Highway, in Enterprise, Ala. ***Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, Ala. will hold Homecoming and Revival Services July 13-18, 2003 on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Today is a good day; be grateful!

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Community BBQ planned at Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God

Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God will hold a Community BBQ July 12th from 4:30 - 7:30. Chicken plates, baked beans, rice and

bread cakes. All proceeds go toward the completion of sanctuary. Donations only. For more information call Howard Moore at 389-2416.

The South Alabama Conference of the A.M.E. Church to hold meeting July 19th

The South Alabama Conference of the A.M.E. Church will hold its next Conference Center meeting on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 p.m. at New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Geneva. This meeting will immediately follow the gathering of the South Conference WMS Executive Board, which is scheduled to convene at 10:00 a.m. at New Bethel. The purpose of the Center meeting is to provide updates on progress toward construction of a South Conference Center in Dothan. Donations toward this effort will be accepted at this meeting, or may be given to any Board

member at any time, or mailed to Ms. Bernella Knight, Treasurer, P. O. Box 628, Tuskegee, AL 36687. Those members who have chosen the "Dollar Per Day" or other level of donating may make their quarterly donation at this meeting or whenever convenient. The land for the site has been purchased, so funds are now needed to proceed with construction plans. For more information, please contact Board of Directors President, James M. Roberts, at 792-8249, Presiding Elders J. F. McCloud, 983-1966, J. D. Sanders, 347-0875, or David Reddick, 308-1400.

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church's Anniversary Celebration to be held July 20

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, 841, Geneva Highway, Enterprise, Alabama, Reverend T.W. Parker, Sr., Pastor, will celebrate their church anniversary, Sunday, July 20, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

The guest minister will be Reverend David E. Reddick,

Presiding Elder of the Troy District, South Alabama Conference and Ninth Episcopal District. For more information contact, Sis. Betty Simmons, 347-9288, Sis. Joyce Baxter, 347-1952 or Reverend Parker, 393-2661/347-4489

Bluff Springs Baptist Church to celebrate annual Homecoming services on Sunday, July 13

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will hold Homecoming Services on Sunday, July 13 with Rev. J.J. Hataway bringing the message. Dinner will be served after the service. A revival will be held July 14-16 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Rev. Jackson will bring the message. Everyone is invited to attend.



A Memorial To "Daddy Grover" (Grover Belcher) Who Went Home to Receive His Blessed Reward on July 5, 1999

"Where's Our Daddy?"

At times like this, those of us remaining, search desperately for some way of expressing the height, depth, and width of our grief and sorrow. Some simply choose to do it with songs.

Others with poems and verses, and still others with simple admiration in prose. We, the offspring and descendants of Daddy Grover,

choose to make our expression by simply inviting you to join our search party as we look for him in all of his old familiar places. Let's look for him in the fields, where he labored so very long and hard, providing for Mama Eria and their nine kids--especially those five greedy, hardheaded boys who would eat just about anything in sight, and those four sweet little girls who were always needing a few more pieces of ribbon, or a new strand of lace. We looked for him in the field, but he wasn't to be found. So, let's now look for him in the church (Old Rocky Head Missionary Baptist) where he spent so many days (And not just Sundays) waiting very patiently, but also just as eagerly, in the first pew, waiting for the opportunity to jump up and present one of his "sayings"--or one of what he called his "metaphors". And if you knew him at all, you knew if he became emotional, any speaker, any singer, and preacher was in danger. Why? Because Daddy Grover would run to that person, grab that person in a bear hug, and refuse to let that person go until he felt a blessing. But, we looked for him in the church as well, and he wasn't to be found. Still, there's one last place we have yet to look. Finally, let's look for him in

his home-workshop, where he thought he was a latter-day doctor George Washington Carver. Daddy Grover believed he could make anything if he "studied" it long enough. He would pick it up, turn it from side to side, top to bottom, and then mumble quietly to himself "Uh Huh, Uh Huh -- I think I got it now!" Then he would shout aloud "I can make one of them!" (And in reply to any gift he received, he would always say "thank you, thank you, thank you". Without fail, those words of appreciation were always said three times -- no more, no less.) But, we looked for him in his home-workshop as well, and still he wasn't to be found. Wait a minute! Look! Guess What! Thank God Almighty! We just found our Daddy at last! And you know what? He has always been right where we finally found him. And if you want to hear him, if you want to see him, if you really want to reach out and touch him, just ask his offspring and descendants and we'll share him with you. Because (Eureka!), We found him at long last right where he has always been: Residing lovingly and eternally deep within all our hearts. Sho' Nuff!!

Milton, Ernestine, Joyce, Paul, Alan, Warren, Juanita, Evelyn, D.J. & Mom Eria

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m. BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darrell Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m. BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m. BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. 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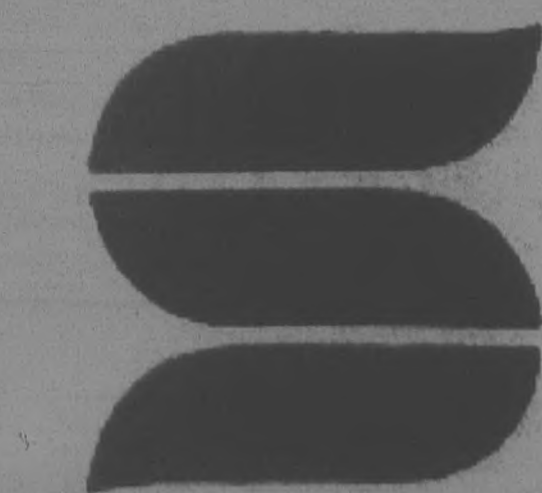
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

I realize that I am not an expert on fashion, especially when it comes to teenage girls, but I was taken by surprise over the week-end when my youngest daughter got upset when she couldn't find her "white" flip-flops as she was getting dressed to go to a movie. I always thought everything matched blue jeans and had never even considered flip-flops to be shoes, much less shoes that had to match clothes. Now I know, and maybe the next time she wants new shoes I will just bring home a couple of pairs of flip-flops and tell her to take her pick.

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** The Tournament Trail for the various All-Star teams came to an abrupt end last week as all the teams were eliminated at the first stop along the trail. The Dixie Minor, Dixie Youth and Dixie Boys 14-Year-Old teams all failed to get a win, while the Dixie Pre-Majors, Dixie Majors, Dixie Angels and Dixie Ponytails all posted one win. The Dixie Belles won twice and placed third in their tournament, while the Dixie Boys 13-Year-Old team won two games and placed second. All the teams practiced hard for weeks getting ready and even in defeat all the teams represented Elba well. When the road to a tournament win goes through teams from such cities as Troy, Enterprise, Greenville, Dothan, and Ozark, it can get a little bumpy at times. This summer the road was very bumpy. However, the teams all played hard in all the games and are to be commended for their dedication and hard work.

*** I am sick and tired of hearing on TV how this year's Major League Baseball All-Star game counts. I know the winning league will be the home team when the World Series rolls around, but the players don't really care about playing and it is nothing more than an advertising play when the commercials come on building up the game. If it means so much why did last year's game end in a tie?

*** The talk of the area high school football world in recent weeks has centered around a private school in Crenshaw County recruiting players from across the area. I talked with one coach that said one of his players was being recruited to play in the private school ranks, while here in Elba the rumor is the Tigers may lose two starters to the school. It is a free world we live in and parents and students can choose where they get an education. However, it seems a little strange when a private school can raid the public schools to help fill their rosters. The solution? Bring the private schools into the AHSAA and make them play by the same rules as the public schools.

*** Youth football registration begins next week here in Elba and when the season kicks off in late August the players and fans will notice some new opponents lining up across the line of scrimmage. The Elba teams have moved into a new league that includes teams from Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton, Brantley, Luvette, Goshen and Pleasant Home, and will play six regular season games and then possibly move on to a Super Bowl. The change was made when the Tri-County League added Baker, Florida and Brewton to its roster, which would have meant some long trips for some very young players. Maybe the change will add excitement!

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The "Tournament Trail" hits a dead end for Elba All-Star teams in baseball and softball action

Dixie Youth Baseball All-Stars drop two straight at Sub-District tourney

The Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League All-Stars competed in the Sub-District Tournament in Enterprise and failed to post a win as they suffered two straight losses.

Enterprise Americans 9 Elba 2

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament against the host Enterprise Americans and dropped a 9-2 decision. The score was tied at 0-0 after two innings of play, but Enterprise combined one hit with two walks and six Elba errors in the third inning to take a big 6-0 lead and then added two runs in the fourth to make it 6-2. Elba got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth when Richard Cooks and Jamison Baker both walked and later came around to score. However, it was too little, too late as Enterprise tagged out a late run to claim the 9-2 win. D.J. McKee and Michael Spurlin both got one hit to lead Elba at the plate.

*** Hartford 11 Elba 8 - The Elba All-Stars saw their tournament run come to an unexpected end in second round action as Hartford rallied three times to pull out a wild 11-8 decision in eight innings. Hartford played two runs in the top of the first inning to grab a quick 2-0 lead, but Elba needed only one swing to erase the early deficit as Richard Cooks blasted a three-run homer to put Elba on top 3-2 after one inning of play.

Jordan McBride added a solo home-run in the second and Bradley Wilson ripped an RBI double in the third as Elba upped its advantage to 5-2, but Hartford staged the first of three rallies in the fifth and Elba got two quick outs in the sixth, only to see Hartford rally again and take the lead at 7-6 on a two-out, three-run homer-run. Bradley Wilson scored on a wild pitch to pull Elba even at 7-7 in the bottom of the sixth and the All-Stars saw the winning run reach third base, but Elba failed to get the run across the plate, and the game went into extra innings. The score was knotted at 8-8 heading into the eighth, and Hartford then staged its final rally of the game as it took

County All-Stars stay alive with exciting win over Geneva

The Coffee County Dixie Youth Baseball All-Stars rebounded from an opening round loss to Enterprise to eliminate Geneva and moved on into third round action over the weekend at the Sub-District Tournament in Enterprise.

*** Enterprise Americans 7 Coffee County 1 - Coffee County fell behind early and never recovered in a 7-1 loss to Greenville. The All-Stars did get as close as 9-4 in the bottom of the second inning, but Greenville scored 10 runs in the third to move ahead 19-4 and Elba never threatened as it suffered its first loss in the double-elimination event. Cortlin Lee, Marissa Thomas and Hillary Davis all managed one hit for the All-Stars, with Lee's hit being an inside-the-park home-run. Lee, Erica Mount and Heather Hines scored 3 runs each for Elba, while Megan Anderson, Megan Sullivan and Davis all scored one run.

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Elba Volleyball Camp 2003 set for July 29-30

The Elba Volleyball Camp - 2003, will be held on July 29-30 at the Elba High School gym, with Elba Tiger head coach Amelia Rhoades as clinician. The cost is \$50 per person and checks should be made payable to Amelia Rhoades. Basic skills and techniques will be taught at the two-day camp, which is for players in grades 7-12.

The schedule will include Session I from 9:00 until 12:00, a lunch break from 12:00 until 1:00 and Session II from 1:00 until 4:00, on both days. For more information contact Coach Rhoades at (h) 565-3240 or (s) 897-2266.

Golf tourney set for July 11 at Ft. Rucker

Entries are now being accepted for the 7th annual golf tournament for the Army Aviation Museum Foundation, scheduled for Friday, July 11, at Fort Rucker's Silver Wings course.

The four-person scramble is open to all golfers but limited to the first 36 teams. Prizes will be awarded for net and gross to teams placing first through fifth. The entry fee of \$40 covers greens fee, cart, closest-to-pin on all par 3's, longest drives for men and women, door prizes, food, and beverages. In addition, each team may buy 25 feet of "error correction" string for \$20. Contact Tournament Director Darrell Allman (334) 347-1281 or (334) 598-2508.

Elba Ponytail All-Stars claim one win in three tries at Sub-District

The Elba Dixie Ponytail Softball All-Stars lit up the scoreboard for 22 runs in an opening round 22-20 win over Brantley, but then failed to keep their opponents from scoring in the next two games as they fell to Greenville. The All-Stars did get as close as 9-4 in the bottom of the second inning, but Greenville scored 10 runs in the third to move ahead 19-4 and Elba never threatened as it suffered its first loss in the double-elimination event. Cortlin Lee, Marissa Thomas and Hillary Davis all managed one hit for the All-Stars, with Lee's hit being an inside-the-park home-run. Lee, Erica Mount and Heather Hines scored 3 runs each for Elba, while Megan Anderson, Megan Sullivan and Davis all scored one run.

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Elba Department of Parks & Recreation RECREATION REPORT

Adult softball leagues set for Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced plans to form a "Summer Softball League," with games to be played in both Men's and Co-Ed divisions. Team registration will take place from July 1 - July 15, with games scheduled to begin on July 22 and July 24. The Men's division will play all games on Tuesday nights, with the Co-Ed division to play games on Thursday nights.

Football sign-up to begin July 14

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will begin registration for youth football on Monday, July 14 and continue the registration until Friday, August 8. Three teams will compete this fall, with team ages being 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12, with a players' age being determined by their age on August 1, 2003. Registration is \$20 per player, and equipment can be rented from the department for \$25. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Center and at the City Pool. For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833.

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SPORTS

Elba's Todd Boswell takes home checkered flag in Roadrunner Feature at South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chisum

Wins usually come fairly easy for Ronnie Sanders at South Alabama Speedway. Heading into Saturday's 100-lap Super Late Model event, Sanders had taken six winner's trophies back to his Fayetteville, Georgia home. Early in the event, it appeared it was going to be an easy Saturday night drive to Victory Lane. In the end, though, it took some hard driving and a little luck to take home the seventh.

Sanders got the jump on pole sitter Dale Little at the drop of the green flag and set an easy, but fast early pace. With the race going green for the first 68 laps, Sanders stretched out to half straight away lead over Little, Scott Smith, Lee Hansard, and Jeremy Pate. When Regan Baker spun on the 69th lap, all the leaders pitted for their fresh tires.

The pit stops almost turned the tables on Sanders. Little was pulling even with Sanders. But the first out of the pits, followed by Sanders, Dennis Reno Jr., Baker, and Smith. When racing resumed, Little began pulling away from Sanders and appeared to be well on his way for his first win at the Kinston oval. Sanders, trying to run Little down, brushed the wall exiting turn four, which had a big effect in the handling of his Dodge Intrepid and allowed Little to stretch his lead even further.

However, Little's luck ran out on lap 83. Going into turn one, there was a flash under Little's new Monte Carlo. A fuel line

had worked loose, and the fuel on the hot headers had Little's little hot rod a little too hot. Little quickly exited his car and the fire was quickly extinguished, but his night was over. Sanders regained the lead with Reno, Baker, Middlebrooks, and Lee Hansard in tow.

Smith was the driver that was about to steal the show. Under the red flag for Little's incident, Smith was penalized when a crewmember went onto the track. He was sent to the rear of the lead lap cars for the restart, but the penalty hit a fire. Restarting seventh, Smith moved into the top five with ten laps to go. Using an outside line not used all night, Smith began gaining positions each lap. He moved into second with three laps to go, with four car lengths separating him from Sanders.

Smith gained each lap, catching Sanders on the last circuit. Going into the last two turns, Smith again went to the outside, pulling even with Sanders. But this time, Smith didn't get the grip he needed, and Sanders beat him off of the turn and to the checkered flag. Baker was a close third, followed by Middlebrooks, and Hansard.

Scott Morse took the win in a very exciting Street Stock race that had the crowd on its feet. Although Morse led all 25 laps, it was anything but an easy win for the DeFuniak Springs driver. The field stayed together the whole race, trading paint every lap. On lap 22, Harold Hurt tried to steal the top position, but contact with Morse sent the whole field scrambling, trying

to take advantage of the situation. Stacey Bedsole gained the most, moving from fourth to second. Morse enjoyed a brief car length lead, which Bedsole quickly erased. Bedsole got his nose inside of Morse in the final turn, but Morse used a fender to the checkered flag. Jeff Smith made a strong bid for the win on the outside, but came up short in third. Derek Deese was fourth with Hurt fifth.

In the Roadrunner Feature, J.R. Andrews sped away for the apparent win, but post-race inspection found off set rims, and his win was disqualified. Todd Boswell had to work hard to finish second, battling early with Jerry Watson and later holding off Kim Bishop. His efforts were eventually rewarded with the winner's trophy after Andrews' "dq."

Bishop was awarded second, followed by Sam Smith, Jason Singletary, and Will Mack, who battled back after having a wheel come off on lap five. Action continues next week with heats and features in six classes. The Modified and Street Stock classes will have their Midwestern Championship races. July is also Kid's Month at the track with special events for the kids in attendance. This week, the kids will be given checkered flags, which they will be able to have autographed by their favorite local drivers. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamasppeedway.com

Results

Late Model
1. Ronnie Sanders
2. Scott Smith
3. Regan Baker
4. Duwayne Middlebrooks
5. Lee Hansard
6. Jeremy Pate
7. Dennis Reno Jr.
8. Frank King
9. Cory Seamon
10. Tim Lynn
11. Bubba Pollard
12. Dale Little
13. Will Blackstone

Street Stock

1. Scott Morse
2. Stacey Bedsole
3. Jeff Smith
4. Derek Deese
5. Chad Roberts
6. Mickey Davis
7. Tim Hudson
8. Brian Martin

Roadrunner

1. Todd Boswell
2. Kim Bishop
3. Sam Smith
4. Jason Singletary
5. Will Mack
6. Perry Boin
7. Jerry Hudson
8. Jerry Watson
9. John Singletary
10. Joseph Chandler
11. Jimmie Hager
12. Danny Monaghan
13. Ricky Chandler
14. Bobby Monaghan
15. Billy Walden
16. Dee Buckelou
17. Mitchell Byrd
18. Larry Cordell
19. J.R. Andrews (1)

Mosquitos are more than pests for Alabama residents

The Alabama Department of Public Health urges residents to avoid mosquito bites and to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. "Avoiding mosquitoes this year is especially important," said Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer, "because at least two different viruses are being spread by mosquitoes."

West Nile virus, WNV, has been identified to date in 12 birds in 8 counties: Baldwin, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Marshall, Shelby, Talladega and Winston. Six of these WNV-infected birds were identified last week. Recently, Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis, EEE, was confirmed in horses in Baldwin and Mobile counties, and in emus in Butler County. In addition, Georgia and Florida have confirmed EEE in at least 110 horses and 97 birds, and WNV in 2 horses and 60 birds.

According to Dr. John Mosely Hayes, a health department epidemiologist, "An easy way to remember what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones from mosquito-borne diseases is to remember the 5 D's of Prevention: Dusk, Dawn, Dress, DEET and Drain. Avoid being outside during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Dress to cover your skin with protective clothing. Protect bare skin with mosquito repell-

ent that contains DEET. And drain empty containers holding stagnant water in which mosquitoes breed."

West Nile virus was diagnosed in 49 humans last year in Alabama. At least four died. WNV is likely to be a threat every year. EEE occurs almost every year in humans in Alabama, and epidemics in horse and emu populations happen every four to five years. The last human death from EEE in the state was in 1996. So far this year no human cases of mosquito-borne viral disease have been confirmed in Alabama.

Avoiding mosquito bites and eliminating mosquito breeding sites will help protect individuals and the community from WNV, EEE and the other mosquito-borne viruses that occur in Alabama. These viruses are maintained by transmission between birds and mosquitoes. However, sometimes the viruses spread to humans and other animals by mosquitoes that feed on infected birds and then bite humans and other animals. People contribute to the continuing cycle of these viruses by maintaining environments (especially standing water) in which mosquitoes can lay eggs.

These mosquito-borne viruses are not spread person-to-person, animal-to-person, or animal-to-animal.

Recall on "Swimways" dive sticks continues for summer

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Swimways Corp., of Virginia Beach, Va., is voluntarily recalling about 25,000 packages of dive sticks (each package con-

tains four dive sticks), which fail to meet the commission's safety requirements. Children can fall or land on these dive sticks in shallow water and may suffer internal injuries.

These are "Swim Ways

Deluxe Dive Buddies" weighted dive sticks. The dive sticks are soft plastic tubes that have character heads and feet. The characters are a yellow seahorse, a green and purple walrus, a red and blue underwater diver, and a blue shark. The dive sticks are about 7.5 inches long and an inch in diameter. When dropped into water, they sink to the bottom of a pool and stand upright so children can swim or dive down and retrieve them. There is no writing on the products except numbers located on the backs that represent the dive stick's point value. The cardboard-backed packaging shows a photo of fish and coral in an underwater scene. Writing on the packaging includes "Swim Ways," "Deluxe Dive Buddies" and "Made in China."

Specialty pool stores nationwide sold these dive sticks from December 2002 through May 2003 for about \$6. Consumers should take these dive sticks away from children immediately and contact Swimways for information on receiving a refund or free replacement product.

More information about these efforts and a booklet titled, "How to start a mosquito control program in your town, Alabama," are available on the ADPH internet Web site at <http://www.adph.org/westnile-virus/>.

Symptoms of encephalitis may include high fever, severe headache, nausea, stiff neck, confusion, muscle weakness, paralysis, disorientation, convulsions, coma and rarely, death. The seriousness of an illness may depend on a person's health and age. WNV affects the elderly most severely and EEE affects the young and elderly most severely.

Mosquito control programs are locally operated. The health department is helping protect Alabamians from mosquito-borne disease by tracking the spread of these viruses and educating individuals and communities on ways to protect themselves from mosquitoes. By working with a wide variety of partners (health care providers, veterinarians, the Alabama

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

By Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Controlling condensation in a tent

Condensation in tents has plagued tent manufacturers and campers since man first sewed animal skins together to make a shelter. Condensation results from moist, warm air encountering a cooler surface and is then cooled below the dew point.

The normal breathing of someone in a tent is the primary source of moist warm air. Since one adult can produce a pint of moisture per night from breathing alone, it is easy to see how much condensation four or five campers can generate. While cooking in a tent adds more water vapor to the air, it creates even more of a problem if the tent is not well ventilated. Dangerous levels of carbon monoxide can build up rapidly. Even without the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning, cooking inside a tent presents a serious fire hazard. Cook outside if at all possible.

Controlling tent condensation begins with purchasing a tent designed to reduce condensation from falling on the occupants. Most tents today come in two parts, the main tent and canopy and a waterproof fly or top cover. The theory behind this two-piece construction is that warm moist air will rise and pass through the uncoated canopy and condense on the fly. If the temperature is above freezing the water from condensation will run down the inside of the fly and fall on the ground.

When the temperature is below freezing the moisture will turn into frost. With a little wind the frost is supposed to shed from the fly and fall on the ground. While these principles work to some degree, other factors are involved. The size of tent and the number of occupants is critical. A large canvas tent with few occupants will give much less trouble than a small dome tent with many occupants.

Potential purchasers of a two-piece tent should make sure the fly and canopy have some separation between them. If the fly (water proof top) touches the nonwaterproof canopy (tent body) when someone leans against it or the wind blows, condensation will penetrate the canopy and drip on the tent floor.

If the weather permits, leave the tent fly off. Most dome shaped tents have screened windows and top area that will allow for enough air circulation to prevent condensation. Tents with a fly that extends over the door or windows like an awning are best as they permit the windows to remain open even during a light rain.

I remember a camping trip several years ago when I took five boys camping. We had a poor quality 10X10 dome tent with a separate fly. The forecast was for rain so we left the fly on. About midnight, I thought the tent was leaking. But it wasn't leaking; we were generating our own rain from the inside through condensation.

Don't do as I did. Spend a little more for a good tent and don't over-crowd it. That way you won't have to sleep in a tent that "rains" from the inside.

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New Brockton appoints "acting" police chief

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council began its monthly meeting Monday evening, July 14, with a few of announcements from Mayor Charles Cole.

Cole offered a bit of positive economic news for New Brockton with the announcement of a new eatery coming to town. He said Moore's Buffet is set to open at its new location on Friday, Aug. 1, in the building formerly occupied by Judy's Log Cabin.

Moore's Buffet is currently open in Opp, Ala., and Cole said the forthcoming New Brockton location will be an expansion

effort for the business owners.

Putting an end to several weeks of rumors and speculations, Cole said the town at this time has an "acting" chief of police. He said William "Bill" King has been appointed "acting" chief of police until the time in which the position is filled on a permanent basis.

King officially took over the position as "acting" police chief last Thursday, July 10, following a swearing in ceremony. He fills the position vacated by Jerry Gilbert following a closed hearing held Wednesday, July 2.

After Gilbert's hearing, it was announced that he would no longer be employed as chief of police for New Brockton, but

details surrounding the matter were not provided.

King has named officer Dale Grimes as his "acting" assistant chief of police.

"Officer Grimes and I work well together, and we have a plan for New Brockton," King said. "We want to improve the performance of the department and make it more professional which in itself will improve the quality of service for the town."

King is a seasoned police and security officer with on and off service since 1970. He had 22 years of military service with the Army and has been with the New Brockton Police Department for five and a half

years. He also has completed two state police academies including Pennsylvania and Alabama.

The New Brockton Police Department currently has one full-time officer (King) and four part-time officers.

During Monday's council meeting, Cole said he has the authority to appoint a new police chief for the town, but he wants to be sure he and the council members are together in finding the person best suited for the job. He said there are several things the group needs

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Interstate 85 accident turns tragic for one Elba family

A traffic accident on Interstate 85 early Sunday morning, July 13, turned deadly for one Elba family as four relatives were killed.

Elba residents Mickey Parks, age 45, and Donald Parks, age 39, were killed instantly along with Donald's two children David, age 14, and Deserae, age 13. Although natives of Coffee County, the two teenagers were current residents of Gastonia, N.C. where they lived with their mother, Davana Parks Moore.

According to reports from the Auburn police and Lee County coroner Bill Harris, the four-vehicle accident occurred shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday morning on I-85 near the 52-mile marker.

Police said the Parks' vehicle was struck head-on by a pick-up truck traveling the wrong way in the southbound lanes of the interstate. The truck was being driven by William Anderson Potts, age 33, of Opelika, and he too was killed in the accident. Seven other people traveling in two other vehicles were also injured in the accident and taken to East Alabama Medical Center where they were treated and later released.

Funeral services for brothers Mickey and Donald Parks were held Wednesday, July 16, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba while services for siblings David and Deserae Parks will be held today (Thursday), July 17, in Gastonia, N.C. (Complete obituaries for all four may be found on page 3.)

Elba City Council holds short meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening for five whole minutes. In the absence of Mayor James Grimes who was attending an out-of-town city related meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond presided over the meeting.

The council voted to award the bid for cutting the marketable timber at the Carl Folsom Airport to Smurfit-Stone Timber Company, of Andalusia, for a bid price of \$130,957.50. There were five bidders for the timber with the low bid being \$37,000. The firm has 18 months to complete the cutting.

Hammond reminded council members they have in their packets copies of proposed rules and regulations for the Elba Airport use by aerial applicator companies plus a reminder of the right to submit a nomination for a member of the Coffee County Board of Equalization. These nominations are for the term beginning October 1, 2003. Monthly bills totaling \$92,957.52 were approved for payment.

Area Happenings

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION will be held Friday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at the extension office complex in New Brockton, Ala.

THE ANNUAL ELBA TROY STATE UNIVERSITY GOLF TOURNAMENT for scholarships will be Saturday, July 26, 8:30 a.m., at the Elba Country Club.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL 7TH GRADE ORIENTATION will be Thursday, July 24, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish meal accounts. They will also have a brief tour of the school.



The "Celebrate Elba 150" committee and Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a unique birthday bash for the city and its residents last Saturday evening, July 12. Among the many surprises throughout the event was the presentation of a "Happy Birthday" cake. After the candles were blown out, everyone was offered a piece of the sweet treat. Above, Representative Terry Spicer receives his piece from committee member Lucia Grantham. Additional scenes from the evening can be found on pages 6 & 7.

Grimes becomes Certified Municipal Official

Elba Mayor James E. Grimes has earned the professional designation of Certified Municipal Official after completing 40 credit hours of training conducted or endorsed by the Alabama League of Municipalities. Mayor Grimes was recognized for his accomplishments during graduation ceremonies held in Montgomery on June 26, 2003. He is a member of the eighth graduating class of Certified Municipal Officials.

The training program for elected municipal officials was begun in 1994 by the Alabama League of Municipalities, under the direction of its executive committee, to complete the cycle of training for municipal officials and employees. Until that time, no formal training had been offered for elected officials.

Mayor Grimes, because of his attendance at statewide and regional educational conferences, has received formal classroom training in subjects such as council meeting procedures, parliamentary procedure, the Sunshine Law, public records, ordinance drafting, conflicts of interest, the State Ethics Law, duties of the mayor and council, tort liability, the competitive bid law, zoning and planning, annexation, municipal regulatory powers, municipal revenues and expenditures, personnel actions and leadership development.

The citizens of Elba should be extremely proud of Mayor Grimes for his achievements by completing this elected officials training program," said Perry Roquemore Jr., executive director of the league of municipalities. "He spent many hours during the last several years attending day-long workshops and lec-

Commission ends meeting in recess

The Coffee County Commission had no trouble zipping through its agenda Monday morning, July 14, as the group met for its regular bimonthly meeting; however, the session ended in recess rather than adjournment.

With commission chairman Robert Stephens and vice chairman Bernest Brooks away at a convention, commissioner Jim Thompson served as leader for the meeting.

Commissioners opened bids for traffic striping with only one bid being submitted.

Ozark Striping Company Inc. of Ozark submitted a bid for \$265,705, and county engineer Randy Tindell recommended tabling the issuance of this bid until the next meeting.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley offered a motion to table with a second from commissioner Doug Dalrymple, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

The only other matter voted upon by the commission involved a request by Tindell in which commissioners voted to allow him to send out bids for the repair of the dozer. Tindell said the dozer is broken down at the county landfill, and he feels the repair costs will be rather high.

Tindell also requested the commission recess Monday's

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JUST PART OF THE PROCESS...Local residents have surely taken notice to the many loads of dirt being hauled around town as workers rehabilitate the levee. However, the project involves many more levels of work than just packing dirt. Testing engineer James Rowell (left) with CDG Engineering spends his time testing the compaction and moisture content of the dirt work. He said the objective is to get the dirt packed so it will be nearly "hard as a rock." For his testing, he uses a nuclear density gauge. Above, he is joined by testing engineer Richard Jackson in performing another test which should confirm the results Rowell got with his nuclear test, as well as other details. By the way, this particular lift located near the old county jail site tested at 99.8 percent compaction.